

FISHERY RESEARCH



Job Performance Report

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ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

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Project 1 Fishery Research Supervision

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State of: Idaho

Grant: F-73-R-22, Fishery Research

Project No. 1

Title: Fishery Research Supervision

Contract Period: July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2005

OBJECTIVE

1. To annually provide administrative and technical support, direct field operations, and planning for each of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (Department) fishery research projects (15) to produce:
 - a) a work plan
 - b) a project statement
 - c) a report, and
 - d) a project review
2. To provide technical training and continuing education for the Department's fishery staff in procedures, technical writing, and statistical design and analysis.
3. To provide technical edits, peer review, and publications of fishery activities and findings of the Department for permanent record.
4. To maintain the Department report resource reference area and a computerized report database.
5. To provide office space and equipment storage for field staff at the Nampa Fisheries Research Center.

ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING

Direct supervision was provided to six Dingell-Johnson projects, six Principal Fishery Research Biologists, one Fishery Staff Biologist, and one Senior Fishery Technician. Indirect supervision was provided to thirteen Fishery Research Biologist and seven Senior Fishery Technicians.

Sport Fish Restoration and University grants and contracts to support sixteen research and special projects were prepared, submitted, and/or administered. Individual study review, work plan, and study design meetings were conducted for many of the projects.

Work continues to respond to issues related to Endangered Species Act (ESA) petition or listing of Westslope *Oncorhynchus clarki lewisi*, Yellowstone *O. c. bouvieri*, and Bonneville cutthroat *O. c. utah* trout, bull trout *Salvelinus confluentus*, Kootenai River white sturgeon *Acipenser transmontanus*, and burbot *Lota lota*. Work involved participation in the white sturgeon and bull trout recovery plan development and implementation processes; providing

comments to petitions related to listing Westslope, Yellowstone, Bonneville cutthroat trout, and burbot, providing legal support related to litigating the westslope cutthroat ESA decision to not list the species as threatened at this time; and developing geographic information system tools to describe and develop maps of fish species distribution.

COORDINATION

The annual Department of Fish and Game fishery manager meeting was attended to coordinate fish research and management activities. A biologist training session focusing on development of electronic data management systems was conducted.

Endangered Species Act comments and coordination were conducted pertaining to Yellowstone, Westslope, and Bonneville cutthroat, as well as bull trout. Participation in range-wide assessments for Yellowstone and Bonneville cutthroat trout and development of a region-wide cutthroat trout management position paper occurred.

PUBLICATIONS

Numerous annual reports and research briefs were reviewed, edited, prepared by word processing specialists for printing, and submitted to funding sources.

RESOURCE REFERENCE AREA

The Report Reference Area and Fisheries Report Catalog System were maintained and copies of reports provided in response to requests.

SPORT FISH RESTORATION CORDINATION

The submission of annual grant agreements was coordinated. Developments in Sport Fish Restoration Program rules and policies were communicated to potentially affected Department personnel. Sport Fish Restoration funding levels among bureaus was coordinated during the state budget preparation process.

OTHER

I served as the coordinator and Department contact for native fish species Endangered Species Issues including bull trout, Bonneville, Westslope, and Yellowstone cutthroat trout, and white sturgeon issues. Recently, I have begun serving on the Bull Trout Recovery Oversight Team to coordinate bull trout recovery in Idaho.

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